

2011 TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

Daily limit is one gobbler, **two gobblers per season**. Taking of hens (including bearded hens) is prohibited. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, crossbow and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. The running of coyote with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season.

No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closures. No person hunting turkeys more than 200 yards from a baited area will be in violation of the turkey baiting regulation.

Prior to hunting turkey, all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain turkey tags and have them in their possession while turkey hunting. Upon killing a turkey, hunters must **immediately** attach a carcass tag to the turkey before it is moved from the site of the kill, and must document the kill on the turkey harvest report card. Hunters are also required to report their kill within 72 hours of harvest by using the kill validation web site, www.wlf.louisiana.gov, or by calling 1-866-484-4805.

No person shall take live wild turkeys or their eggs from the wild. No person shall possess captive live wild turkeys or their eggs, regardless of origin, without a valid game breeder license.

STATEWIDE TURKEY HUNTING AREAS SHOOTING HOURS

One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Area A: March 19 - April 17

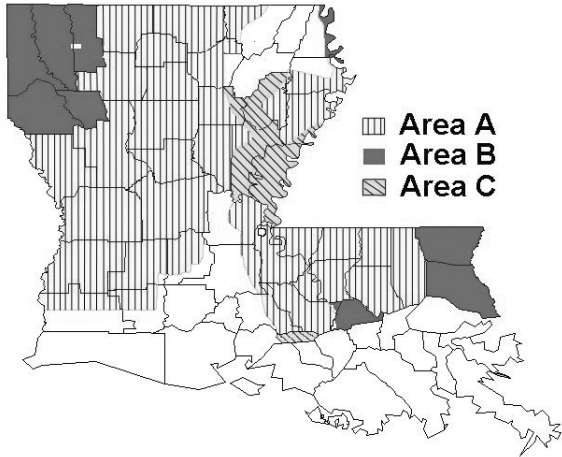
Area B: March 19 - April 10

Area C: March 19 - April 3

Private Land Youth & Physically Challenged Hunt:

March 12-13

(Open in Areas A, B and C)



2011 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Open Only in the Following Areas

AREA A: MARCH 19 - APRIL 17

All of the following parishes are open:

Beauregard, Bienville, Claiborne (Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates), East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant (Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates), Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Natchitoches (Exception: see federal land hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates), Rapides (Exception: see federal land hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates), Sabine, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Union, Vernon (Exception: see federal land hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates), West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island), Winn (Exception: see federal land hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates).

Portions of the following parishes are open:

Allen - North of LA 104, west of LA 26 south of junction of LA 104 to US 190, north of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder.

Avoyelles - That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee southward.

Calcasieu - North of I-10

Caldwell - West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line.

Catahoula - South and west of the Ouachita River from the Caldwell Parish line southward to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, north and west of LA 8 from Harrisonburg to the LaSalle Parish line. ALSO that portion lying east of LA 15.

Evangeline - North and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 west of LA 115 to US 167, west of US 167 south to LA 10, north of LA 10 west of US 167 to LA 13, west of LA 13 south of LA 10 to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou.

Franklin - That portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro.

Iberville - West of LA 1. (EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.)

Jefferson Davis - North of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165.

Madison - That portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80. Also, all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Morehouse - West of US 165 from the Arkansas line to the junction of LA 140 at Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165 at Bastrop, south of US 165 to junction of LA 3051 (Grabault Road) south of LA 3051 to junction of LA 138, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134, north of LA 134 to the Ouachita Parish line.

Ouachita - All west of the Ouachita River. That portion east of the Ouachita River lying north of US 80 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to LA 134, north of LA 134 to the Morehouse Parish line, south of the Morehouse Parish line, and east of the Ouachita River.

Pointe Coupee - All of the parish except that portion bounded on the north by LA 1, from Innis to the junction of LA 417, on the west by LA 417 southward toward McCrea, on the south by LA 417 from McCrea to its junction with Delhi Lane, then by Delhi Lane to LA 418, then LA 418 northward to LA 1 at Innis. (EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.)

Richland - That portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17.

St. Landry - That portion bounded on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River. (EXCEPTION: The Indian Bayou Area, see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for the Indian Bayou Area dates).

Upper St. Martin - All within the Atchafalaya Basin. (EXCEPTION: Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou area, see WMA Turkey Hunting schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou dates.)

Tensas - That portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604, and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

AREA B: MARCH 19 - APRIL 10

All of the following parishes are open:

Caddo, DeSoto, Red River, St. Tammany, Washington.

Portions of the following parishes are open:

Ascension - All east of the Mississippi River.

Bossier - All open except that portion bounded on the north by I-20, on the west by LA 164, on the south by LA 164 and on the east by the Webster Parish line.

East Carroll - East of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line.

Iberville - All east of the Mississippi River.

Webster - All open except that portion bounded on the north by I-20, on the east by US 371, on the south by LA 164 and on the west by the Bossier Parish line (EXCEPTION: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates).

AREA C: MARCH 19 - APRIL 3

All of the following parishes are open:

Concordia.

Portions of the following parishes are open:

Caldwell - All east of the Ouachita River.

Catahoula - All of the parish EXCEPT for that portion located in Area A.

Franklin - West of LA 17 from the Richland Parish line southward to Winnsboro, west of LA 15 southward to the Catahoula Parish line.

Iberia - East of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee

Richland - West of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Rd., south of Ringle Rd. to Ferguson Rd., south of Ferguson Rd. to Little Rd., south of Little Rd. to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line.

Tensas - East and south of US. 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

2011 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT in designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 a.m. ***All roads*** including trails and roads designated as ATV only trails shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 - Aug. 31 unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road or off-trail travel is prohibited. Certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail. Otherwise, only walk-in hunting is permitted (bicycles permitted). All ATV trails on Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open for use by holders of Physically Challenged Hunter Permits (wheelchair bound classification only) during the special physically challenged hunter (wheelchair bound classification) turkey season.

Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special spring lottery hunts.

WMAs with youth lottery hunts are closed to all activities except turkey hunting by authorized youth hunt participants and fishing on the day(s) of the youth hunt.

PERMITS

Self-clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. Hunters must check in daily by obtaining a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting. Upon completion of each day's hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

Lottery Hunts: All or a portion of the turkey season on some WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. All WMA youth hunts, EXCEPT April 9-10 on Jackson-Bienville and Bodcau, are lottery hunts. Deadline for receiving complete applications in the Baton Rouge office for all lottery hunts is 4:30 p.m. Feb. 3, 2011. An application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants for WMA youth lottery hunts must be at least 8 years old on the day of the hunt. Applicants may submit only one application and may be selected for one Spring WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one spring hunt application will result in disqualification. Contact any regional office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters chosen for WMA lottery hunts may be accompanied by one person. The person accompanying a lottery hunter may not possess a firearm/bow or take a turkey and must remain within a distance that allows normal voice contact with the lottery hunter at all times. Youths chosen for special lottery youth-only hunts may be provided with a guide. One person may accompany the youth and guide, but may not hunt. Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any field office or visit our website at: www.wlf.louisiana.gov.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED (WHEELCHAIR BOUND) HUNT

Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April 11-17 to physically challenged hunters. Hunters must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit with wheelchair classification. During this special hunt, ATVs may be used by physically challenged hunters on all designated ATV trails in accordance with the Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Contact field offices for a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit application.

PRIVATE LAND YOUTH & PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED HUNT REGULATIONS

Statewide Youth Turkey and Physically Challenged Season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the statewide turkey season (March 12-13 in Areas A, B and C). Only youths 17 or younger or **hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit with wheelchair classification may hunt**. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course.

Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth.

Adults accompanying youth may not possess a firearm or bow. Youths may possess only one firearm or bow while hunting. Legal weapons and shot are the same as described for the turkey season.

The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. EXCEPT properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult.

Only one gobbler per day may be taken and any gobbler taken by the hunter during this special season counts towards their seasonal bag limit of two. Contact field offices for a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit application.

FEDERAL LANDS TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

Kisatchie National Forest (KNF):

- Caney Ranger District: March 19- April 3
- all remaining KNF lands: March 19 - April 10 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

- Indian Bayou:
 - March 12-13 physically challenged lottery only hunt
 - lottery hunt only on March 19-20 and March 21-23
 - non-lottery hunt March 24-27.
 - Contact USACE at (337)585-0853 for further information
- Old River Control and Lock Areas: March 19 - April 3. Contact USACE (225)492-2690 for further information.

National Wildlife Refuges (Contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information regarding NWR hunts):

- Bogue Chitto NWR: March 19 - April 10
- Lake Ophelia NWR: March 19 - April 3 hunt ends at 12p.m. each day
- Tensas NWR: March 12-13 (youth only), March 19 - April 3
- Upper Ouachita NWR: March 12 (youth lottery only)

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LOTTERY YOUTH HUNTS

WMA	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Attakapas	March 12
Ben's Creek	
Big Lake	
Bodcau	
Clear Creek	
Fort Polk/Peason Ridge/Calcasieu Ranger District	
Grassy Lake	
Jackson-Bienville	April 2
Loggy Bayou	
Pearl River	
Pomme de Terre	March 12
Sherburne	March 12-13
Sicily Island	March 12
Spring Bayou	
Thistlewaite	April 2
Tunica Hills	March 12
Union	April 2
West Bay	March 12

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE*

WMA	Non-Lottery Season Dates	Permit Required	Lottery Dates
Attackapas	March 19-27	Self-clearing	None
Bayou Macon	None	Self-clearing	April 9-10
Ben's Creek†	March 19 - April 3	Self-clearing	None
Big Lake	March 19 - April 3	Self-clearing	None
Bodcau	March 19 - April 3 Youth Only: April 9-10	Self-clearing	None
Boeuf	March 19-27	Self-clearing	None
Clear Creek	March 28 - April 17	Self-clearing	March 19-20 March 26-27
Camp Beauregard	March 19-27	Self-clearing	None
Dewey Wills	None	Self-clearing	April 9-10 April 16-17
Fort Polk	March 19 - April 17	Self-clearing	None
Grassy Lake	March 19-27	Self-clearing	None
Hutchinson Creek	March 19 - April 17	Self-clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	March 19 - April 3 Youth Only: April 9-10	Self-clearing	None
Lake Ramsey	March 19 - April 3	Self-clearing	None
Little River	March 19 - April 3	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	None	Self-clearing	April 8-10
Peason Ridge	March 19 - April 17	Self-clearing	None
Red River	March 19 - April 3	Self-clearing	None
Sabine	None	Self-clearing	March 19-21 April 1-3
Sandy Hollow†	March 19 - April 3	Self-clearing	None
Sherburne‡	March 24-27	Self-clearing	March 19-20 March 21-23
Sicily Island	None	Self-clearing	March 19-21 March 22-24 March 25-27 March 28 - April 3
Tangipahoa Parish School Board	March 19 - April 17	Self-clearing	None
Three Rivers	March 19 - April 3	Self-clearing	None
Tunica Hills North Tract & South Tract	April 4-10	Self-clearing	March 19-20 March 26-27 April 2-3
Union	None	Self-clearing	April 15-17
Walnut Hills	March 19 - April 17	Self-clearing	None
West Bay	None	Self-clearing	March 19-20 March 26-27

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are closed.

** The deadline for receiving applications for all Spring Turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is Feb. 3, 2011.

† No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

‡All turkeys harvested on Sherburne WMA must be weighed and checked at WMA headquarters.

FIELD OFFICE LOCATIONS	
Hammond	42371 Phyllis Ann Drive Hammond, LA 70403 985-543-4777
Lake Charles	1213 N. Lakeshore Drive Lake Charles, LA 70601 337-491-2575
Minden	9961 Hwy. 80 Minden, LA 71055 318-371-3050
Monroe	368 CenturyLink Drive Monroe, LA 71203 318-343-4044
Opelousas	5652 Hwy. 182 Opelousas, LA 70570 337-948-0255
Pineville	1995 Shreveport Hwy. Pineville, LA 71360 318-487-5885

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